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Individual connected with anti-Communist revolutionary group which is believed to be in touch with Castill di Armas told me today Baja Verapaz uprising (EMBTEL 390 March 30) was led by Cesar Izaguirre and had no (repeat no) connection with his group. He said leaders here regarded uprising as premature and poorly organized and considered it an isolated attempt. He added about 100 men had escaped to hills when army retook Salama and hence movement was not completely liquidated.

Informant said his group continuing careful planning but would wait for proper moment before acting.

Izaguirre is attorney and long time opponent of Guatemalan "revolutionary" regimes. He was banished by Arevalo in April 1945 for plotting and has been jailed several times since. He is reportedly egocentric and not trusted by other anti-Communist leaders.

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